

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 11 with the following amended paragraph. This amendment inserts text which was deleted in the Amendment filed May 3, 2005.

Fig. 6 is an enlarged view of a knit construction of the device of the present invention in a rest state; and

Please delete the paragraph after the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 11 which starts with "Fig. 6A is a elongated". The paragraph being deleted was added in the Amendment filed May 3, 2005.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 8 with the following amended paragraph which deletes text added in the May 3, 2005 amendment:

With the foregoing, a device and method have been taught to treat cardiac disease. The jacket 10 constrains further undesirable circumferential enlargement of the heart while not impeding other motion of the heart H. With the benefits of the present teachings, numerous modifications are possible. For example, the jacket 10 need not be directly applied to the epicardium (i.e., outer surface of the myocardium) but could be placed over the parietal pericardium. Further, an anti-fibrosis lining (such as a PTFE coating on the fibers of the knit) could be placed between the heart H and the jacket 10. Alternatively, the fibers 20 can be coated with ~~[[a]] PTFE-coating 20' (Fig. 6).~~